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Dear Sirs:

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION OF OCTOBER 17, 2002

This reply is being filed within two months of the Final Rejection of October 17, 2002
in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In the Claims:

1. (Thrice Amended) A modular jack connector assembly comprising:

D1 a dielectric housing having a front and rear orientation and defining at least one receptacle adapted for receiving a mating plug;